GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7589
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SELECTION GRADE TO GROUP-B ASSISTANT OFFICERS
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways (Railway Board) adopted a Resolution to provide aSelection Grade to Group 'B' Asstt. Officers equivalent to Group 'A' Asstt.Officers in October, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in providing selection grade to Group 'B' officers; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite and resolve the issue ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d): The Board, in its meeting on 22nd October, 1992 decided to process a proposal for consideration of the Government for applying such a grade to a portion of Group 'B' officers. Railway's proposal could not find favour with Department ofPersonnel & Training (DOP&T) / Ministry of Finance on the ground that this would,inter-alia, have repercussions on Group 'B' officers in other Ministries. Moreover, Fifth Central Pay Commission has not recommended the proposal on the basisthat pay scale of Group 'B' officers on Railways has been considerably improved upon. The matter, however, now stands referred to Group of Ministers.